

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

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Dear Campus,

The beginning of every school year features two attributes Chadron State College has long valued: optimism and opportunities. As we all know, it is safe to say that 2020 is not the most optimistic environment. Although the pandemic shutters some optimism, the past months have taught us much. We have learned to be more flexible in our daily lives. Masks have now become a part of our wardrobes. The importance and visibility of personal hygiene, particularly hand washing and face touching, has increased. We've learned to develop additional patience while seeking information about difficult situations. This year has made us feel starved of normality, but we have learned to not accept our current situation. We will find ways to improve it.

I appreciate everyone's efforts thus far to Protect the Nest and protecting each other from the spread of COVID-19 at Chadron State College. I cannot stress enough how important it is for all of us to limit our social gatherings. Students and employees, I appeal to all of you to continue wearing your mask, practice correct social distancing, and effective hand washing techniques. Your cooperation with these measures is a determining factor in CSC's ability to provide the education and experience you trusted us to deliver, as well as maintaining a safe work environment for all employees.

I opened the letter speaking about optimism and opportunities. All of us have an opportunity to improve our current situation, but we must be consistent in our approach because now is not the time to end our vigilance. Simply put, please do not gather in large groups, and eliminate activities outside of school where social distancing cannot be followed. Continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

I am optimistic we can continue this semester on campus and in-person. I believe there are many on campus who share that outlook, but if you don't share that optimism, that's within your rights. However, through a positive approach combined with a strong sense of personal responsibility for the collective health of this college and community, we can all Protect the Nest.

Be well,



President Randy Rhine

